

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A porcine uroplakin II gene promoter having a base sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1:

[SEQ ID NO: 1]

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2. (Original) The uroplakin II promoter of Claim 1, which is one selected from functional equivalents which have one or more disruption, deletion, insertion, point, substitution, nonsense, misense, polymorphism or rearrangement mutation occurred in the base sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

3. (Currently Amended) An expression vector comprising the base sequence of the promoter of Claim 1 or 2 and a base sequence coding for a target protein at the 3' end of the promoter.

4. (Original) The expression vector of Claim 3, wherein the target protein is human erythropoietin (EPO).

5. (Original) The expression vector of Claim 4, which is the expression vector pUP2/hEPO deposited under the accession number KCTC 10352BP.

6. (Original) The expression vector of Claim 4, which is an l/pUP2/hEPO vector containing a neomycin-resistant gene of SEQ ID NO: 5 as a selective marker, and an insulator of SEQ ID NO: 6 at the 5' end of the UPII promoter:

[SEQ ID NO: 5]

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7. (Original) The expression vector of Claim 4, which is a pUP2/hEPO (WPRE) vector containing a neomycin-resistant gene of SEQ ID NO: 5 as a selective marker, and a woodchuck hepatitis virus posttranscriptional regulatory element (WPRE) of SEQ ID NO: 7 at the 3' end of the EPO gene:

[SEQ ID NO: 7]

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8. (Original) The expression vector of Claim 4, which is an l/pUP2/hEPO (WPRE) vector that contains a neomycin-resistant gene of SEQ ID NO: 5 as a selective marker, an insulator of SEQ ID NO: 6 at the 5' end of the UP2 promoter, and an WPRE of SEQ ID NO: 7 at the 3'-end of the EPO gene.

9. (Currently Amended) An animal's fertilized ovum introduced with the expression vector of ~~any one of Claims 4 to 8~~ Claim 4.

10. (Original) A transgenic animal obtained by the implantation of the fertilized ovum of Claim 9.

11. (Original) The transgenic animal of Claim 10, which is one selected from the group consisting of porcine, mouse, bovine, poultry, ovine and caprine animals.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for producing useful proteins, which comprises the steps of:

implanting the animal's fertilized ovum introduced with the expression vector of ~~any one of Claims 4 to 8~~ Claim 4 into a surrogate mother animal; and

obtaining transgenic animals from the surrogate mother animal; and

isolating and purifying useful proteins from the urine of the transgenic animals.